

AMENDMENT

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the original paragraph [0001] in the application with the following paragraph.

[0001] The present application is related to four co-pending and commonly-owned ~~application applications~~ filed on even date herewith, the disclosure of each is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety:

"Anastomosis Wire Ring Device", Serial No. 10/674,371 to Don Tanaka, Mark Ortiz and Darrel Powell;

"Unfolding Anastomosis Ring Device", Serial No. 10/675,091 to Jean Beaupre;

"Single Lumen Access Deployable Ring for Intraluminal Anastomosis", Serial No. 10/675,075 to Mark Ortiz; and

"Single Lumen Anastomosis Applier for Fastener", Serial No. 10/675,497 to Mark Ortiz, Robert McKenna, Bill Kramer, Mike Stokes, and Foster Stulen.

Please replace the original paragraph [0014] in the application with the following paragraph.

[0014] The invention overcomes the above-noted and other deficiencies of the prior art by providing an applier for an absorbable ring for a single lumen access anastomosis, the combination being suitable and sufficient to perform lumen control and apposition as well as enterotomy control. The applier ~~[[that]] then~~ may be inserted through a trocar and applied without any additional parts such as an anvil. The applier holds the absorbable ring that has distal and proximal arm segments that the applier individually actuates to enhance control. For instance, the distal arm segments may be expanded in a distal lumen, which is then drawn back into closer contact with the proximal lumen before actuating the proximal

arm segment. Alternatively, the proximal arm segments may be expanded first and the first lumen positioned relative to the second lumen. Thereby, positioning the two lumens to be anastomotized is simplified.